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Dear Ms. Jeffers:

Thank you for your letter dated November 7, 2012, in which you petitioned the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to promulgate water quality standards for pH in marine waters for selected states. I appreciate and share your concern for our Nation's marine waters. Your letter provides valuable input for the EPA to consider as it evaluates its available resources and sets its environmental priorities.

Thank you again for your letter and concern for our Nation's environment. If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact Shari Barash of my staff, at barash.shari@epa.gov or (202) 566-0996.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Sara Hisel-McCoy", is positioned above the typed name and title.

Sara Hisel-McCoy, Director
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